***Hellgate High School – Capstone Committee***

**Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 3-4pm**

**Guiding Question**

How does our work meet District goals and model 21st Century education?

**Long Term Target:**

This leadership team will review, discuss, and revise the current capstone requirements to meet the student and staff needs and to ensure alignment with the 21st Century Model of Education.

Attendance: (Staff) Linda Cordial, Alan Pfister, Charlene Young, Brian Connelly, Courtney Christopher, Caroline Lurgio, Rhian Clark, Julie Epperly, Debbie Hendricks, (Parents) Liz Calantouno, Shannon Pinkston, Sally Ann Chisolm

**Agenda & Meeting Minutes**

Facilitator: Principal Note taker: Beth Huguet

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| **Topic** | ‡**Notes** |
| Accountability | -Principal explained what happened last year in regards to it being a “graduation requirement”—has to pass the school board for it to be graduation requirement  -Parent asked for clarification on why it cannot be put back into English and Government—English and Social Studies responded with explanations.  -Parent—what can this committee do about accountability? Principal responded that she would support staff in any decision that is made.  -Principal explained staff’s position coming out of start-of school meeting.  -Math Teacher spoke to trend of possibility of dropping 24 credits to 23.5 credits with a completed capstone (responsibility back on student to complete this graduation requirement).  -World Language Teacher spoke to the Foreign Language Dept. stating that if the school board will not support it, why we would do it.  -Science Teacher spoke against it being part of a random class grade. Science is supportive of doing their part of program.  -Art Teacher spoke to it being part of senior seminar class—it would have to have 90 hours of structured curriculum in order for OPI to approve it.  -Why not English—not a possibility with common core.  -Parent—letter from this early Fall as optional left many students questioning “than why would I do it.” Also making sure it is a “pass/fail”.  -Social Studies Teacher questioned whether Senior Project is worth the cost we put into by the staff.  -English Teacher spoke specifically to common core being across curriculum.  -Staff is very supportive of capstone, but definitely want teeth and the 23.5 + capstone would possibility meet this accountability piece. |
|  | Transcript notation for 2015 graduates to be “completed” for those who complete the project. |
| Summary of Decisions | -Principal will propose to Executive Regional Director the possibility of 23.5 credits + Senior Capstone and ask how to move it forth to the board.  -Ask ERD how each school is going to meet the 21st century document if a capstone is not completed.  -Next meeting is November 5, Wednesday. |

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